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MASS CONVENTION

Of the Liberty-Loving Republicans of Stutsman County.

They Elect a First Class Delegation to the Grand Forks Convention.

From the Daily, Wednesday.

Pursuant to a published call, signed by Thos. S. Collins and Marshal McClure chairmen republican county committees, a mass convention of the republican voters of Stutsman county was held, last evening, at the court house in this city, for the purpose of electing six delegates to represent the county at the republican congressional convention, to meet at Grand Forks on the 6th of September.

The convention was called to order by T. S. Collins, when on motion of Johnson C. Nickens, Mr. Collins was elected permanent chairman, and J. E. Marsh was selected as secretary.

On motion of Maj. Lyon, it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to nominate a list of delegates to be voted for by the convention, and the chair thereupon appointed as such committee Wm. M. Lloyd, Jr., Maj. Lyon and George W. Vennum. The committee, after deliberation, reported the following names as said delegates: R. E. Wallace, E. P. Wells, Thos. B. Lloyd, W. E. Dodge, J. C. Nickens, B. S. Russell.

E. H. Foster moved that the following names be substituted as said delegates: E. P. Wells, R. E. Wallace, J. C. Nickens, W. E. Dodge, M. McClure, Will Burke.

A. A. Allen moved that the last named list of gentlemen be declared the delegates to represent Stutsman county in the Grand Forks convention, and the motion prevailed.

On motion of R. A. Bill, Esq., the secretary cast a ballot for the entire convention and the chair then declared that E. P. Wells, R. E. Wallace, J. C. Nickens, W. E. Dodge, M. McClure and Will Burke were the duly elected delegates to the republican congressional convention.

On motion of J. C. Nickens the convention instructed the delegates to vote in the territorial convention as a unit.

After instructing the county committee to redistrict the county for convenience in the matter of future elections, the convention adjourned sine die.

After adjournment of the convention there was considerable informal talk, and the prevailing sentiment was that the convention had selected a delegation of representative men, who would faithfully labor for the interests of North Dakota, and the James River Valley in particular, at the Grand Forks convention. There was a general expression of gratification that the convention had been conducted in such a decorous, harmonious and fraternal manner.

Delegate Pettigrew had many friends in the convention and at first the indications were that his friends would name the delegation, but the final and conclusive action unmistakably showed that the bulk of the republicans of Stutsman county favor a North Dakota man, as the territorial delegate in the next Federal Congress. No expression was made in the deliberations of the convention in favor of any one particular man.

A Temperance Meeting.

Miss Cynthia Eloise Cleveland, president of the Women's Temperance Union of Dakota, arrived in town by stage from the south yesterday afternoon, and lectured on the subject of her work at the M. E. church at night. Owing to the short and insufficient notice and the republican convention at the court house the audience was small, but she had her say on the subject all the same. She is a lady of pleasant and graceful manner, is a good and earnest talker, and one whose manner and appearance would command respect anywhere. She first drew an impressive lesson from the story of the Flood, and then devoted some time in answering questions propounded by the audience on slips passed around for that purpose; after which her lecture in an extemporaneous way suited the circumstances of the place, and for good practical sense at once recommended itself to all who heard it. After the lecture she proceeded to forming the nucleus of a woman's temperance union in town, which will be perfected by an organization soon. Miss Cleveland goes on to Fargo to-day, and when next she addresses the people here, if notice is given in time, she will no doubt have a full house to hear her, which her ability deserves.

Jamestown's Big Elevator.

The elevator of the Jamestown Elevator company is rapidly approaching completion. Last evening the crib was completed, its construction alone consuming 30,000 feet of lumber. A frame story fifteen feet high, will be erected upon this crib, and the work will be done within the next few days. Grain will be received on and after the first of September. With an addition to be at once erected on the east end of the elevator, the total capacity will be about 75,000 bushels of grain. When completed 240,000 feet of lumber will have been consumed and 60,000 shingles. The enterprising farmers who market their grain in Jamestown will soon fill it with "No. 1 Hard."

The Prize Fighter in Limbo.

The terror of Butte City and the champion heavy weight of Montana, as Paddy Ryan boasting styled himself, has come to grief in Jamestown.

Paddy, forced by cruel fate to carry the hod to obtain meat and whisky, was famishing for a scrimmage, so he boldly challenged any man in Jamestown to fight him with fists or gloves. He found his man yesterday morning, and was knocked out of time in one round.

The champion managed in some mysterious way to fill up with bad whisky and then proceeded to shout about his fighting qualities in a way that disturbed the good order of the town. Deputy Sheriff Mike Smith, attracted by the disorder, was quickly on hand, and he promptly arrested Paddy and started with him for the jail. The prisoner at first went with his captor quietly; then he kicked up a terrible row, swearing that

THE DAY AT HOME.

The James River Valley Exhibit—How the Big Elevator Looms up—Land Buyers in Town.

The Romantic Story of a Female Temperance Lecturer—Harvest Scenes at the Troy Farm.

A Chat With a Woman.

From the Daily, Thursday.

Miss Cynthia Eloise Cleveland, temperance lecturer and president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Dakota, paid her respects at the Alert office yesterday morning, prior to her departure for Fargo, where she will commence a war against the prevailing vice of that city on Sunday night next.

In the course of a brief conversation with the lady, who seemingly is on the shady side of thirty, the Alert man soon ascertained that she was a woman of zeal, bravery and work, with a remarkable history. That she is a woman of independence is established by the fact that she is the owner of a tree claim in Nebraska and a homestead in Dakota—the latter, in Hyde county, she located in the midst of winter after a weary tramp through a heavy snow storm.

Her whole heart is manifestly engaged to the temperance cause. Three years ago she entered on the work in Dakota. In the Black Hills she successfully wrestled with the miners. Later, she went to Bismarck, then to the track, and preached temperance and religion to the Godless wretches who then abounded in that town; it seemed, to quote her own words, "as if every God-given virtue had been burned out of their hearts by the iron." Still later, she went out to far lands, Glendive, visiting the saloons and dance houses and beseeching the vile sinners to face about and escape the wrath to come.

A lone female, she has traversed the entire territory, time and again, in season and out of season, sometimes in the company of saints, often in the company of sinners. "I have never been insulted," she proudly said, "and I am not afraid of being insulted. The people out here, even in the crops and settlements, have big, generous hearts—no matter how great their vices, they never insult a woman or allow one to be insulted in their presence."

Truly, a glorious record. Even the hardened drinker will bend the knee in homage.

Miss Cleveland stated that she would revisit Jamestown inside of the next sixty days. She said that several ladies in the town had volunteered to organize a local W. C. T. U. in Jamestown. As she retired from the sanctum she said: "Mark one prediction! When Dakota is admitted into the Union of States, it will be with a constitutional prohibition of the traffic in liquor!"

Land Buyers from Wisconsin.

Quite large tracts of land in the neighborhood of Jamestown have just been purchased by Wisconsin parties. An Alert representative had a conversation on the subject last evening, with Mr. J. J. Roberts, a merchant of Waupun, Wis.

Four years ago he visited this region and purchased a quarter section near Eldridge. Recently he returned to Jamestown in company with a party of friends. The thrift and enterprise manifest in Jamestown and the wonderful settlement of the surrounding country, he has in the past four years persuaded him that investment in North Dakota lands, and especially about Jamestown, were sure to be profitable ones, so he purchased a section of the land just south of Sanborn. Stoddard Jess, cashier of the Waupun bank, is now at Sanborn, with intent to purchase two or more sections. Maj. A. T. Pratt, superintendent of the extensive boot and shoe factory at the Waupun point, has also become the purchaser of a section of fine wheat land, between Jamestown and Sanborn.

Mr. Roberts says that the colony of Wisconsin people, some 35 families, located south of Sanborn, is very prosperous, and that the crops are the best in the district in all that neighborhood. The Wisconsiners have founded a town in the center of their settlement, and are dotted down on the map as Clark City, and they intend to make it one of the best flouring and sawing towns in the west. A fine store and school house have been erected and other improvements are in contemplation.

More Hotel Accommodations Needed.

Night before last all the hotels in Jamestown were crowded to overflowing and many applicants for accommodations were necessarily refused. Among the latter were two females, one married and the other single, hailing from the New England states. After applying in vain to all the hotels in town, they were about to pass the night in the depot, when the proprietor of the Commercial house came to their relief and secured them a room. How the disappointed males passed the night the Lord alone knows. If this rush of visitors continues, and there is every reason to believe that it will steadily increase, it will be absolutely necessary for Jamestown to secure more hotels. The town for its size now has more hotels, and good ones too, than any other town in the northwest, but she must have more to properly accommodate her guests. Quite a number of parties, residents and visitors, in extra fine condition, and accustomed to strong fine condition, and accustomed to extra fine condition, cannot pull through the light running wood bender on a full cut, and through a portion of the field "stall" on four feet wide. Shelves so abundant that no vehicle can pass between them. Shocks look like the old geography pictures of a Hottentot village. That's the kind of a "Sand Barren" we are this year.

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ALL ABOUT TOWN.

The Board of Trade at Work—The James River Valley and Her Glorious Products.

Lost Amid the Grain Fields—Welcome Visitors from Canada—Collecting Statistics.

Operations in Real Estate.

The transfers of real estate are very active, in spite of the fact that the harvest season, now under full headway, is absorbing the attention of a large portion of the residents of this section.

The register of deeds of Stutsman county reports the following list of real estate transfers filed in his office for record during the week ending on the 16th inst:

C Wade to Sarah E Ames, consideration \$2,000, northeast quarter of section 35, township 140, range, 63.

U S to Ervin W Bennett, consideration \$400, southwest quarter of section 24, township 142, range, 65.

U S to James C Brousseau, consideration \$350.50, northwest quarter of section 23, township 150, range, 63.

Edwin H O'Brien and wife to B F Price et al, trustees, consideration \$5, east half of southwest quarter and southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 7, township 133, range, 64.

U S to Bernard Schultz, consideration \$300.25, northwest quarter of section 2, township 133, range, 64.

U S to Adelbert F Douglas, consideration \$400, southwest quarter of section 12, township 140, range, 65.

G Russell to Cuyler Adams, quit claim, southeast quarter of section 15, township 140, range, 62.

U S to D Henry Laughlin, consideration \$207.63, lot 5 in southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, and southwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 10, township 143, range, 65.

U S to Alex W Spencer, consideration \$207.63, lot 5 in southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 4, lot 5 in southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, and northwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 10, township 143, range, 64.

Chas S Fee and Lizzie G Fee to Jas W Brady, consideration \$900, lots 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, and 252 in Jones & Vennum's addition to Jamestown.

P S Peterson to Geo B Keen, quit claim, consideration \$100, one-fourth interest in block 6, in Curtin's addition to Jamestown.

W S Stockdale to Geo B Keen, quit claim, consideration \$300, one-fourth interest as above.

S H Drake to Cuyler Adams, quit claim, lot 4, block 3, Jamestown.

F O French and wife to Cuyler Adams, quit claim, consideration \$100, the undivided half of blocks 1 to 16 inclusive, in Spiritwood township.

A McKechnie to Martha E Whitman, consideration \$150, lot 80 in Jones & Vennum's addition to Jamestown.

David H Fowler to Mathias Haas, consideration \$275, lot 5 in block 12, in McGinnis' addition to Jamestown.

John McGinnis to Margaret Bell, consideration \$225, lot 11 in block 12, in Capitol Hill addition to Jamestown.

John McGinnis to Margaret Bell, consideration \$100, lot 12 in block 42, in Capitol Hill addition to Jamestown.

John W Watson to Daniel B Vermilye, consideration \$1,500, block 9, in Dunstan's addition to Jamestown.

Joseph C Wolf and wife to Abner Scidmore, consideration \$1,000, the south half of lot 9 in block 18, in Jamestown.

T S Wainwright to S L Moore, consideration \$300, lots 329 and 330, in Jones & Vennum's addition to Jamestown.

E Parker to John B Goffinet, consideration \$400, lot 5 in block 37, in Jamestown.

Thos B Lloyd to C A Baker, consideration \$900, lot 10 in block 12, and lot 7 in block 17, all in Jamestown.

Thos B Lloyd to C A Baker, consideration \$1,700, lots 7, 8 and 9, in block 56, and lots 8 and 9, in block 65, in Klaus' addition to Jamestown.

Thos B Lloyd to C A Baker lots 13 and 14, in block 1, in McGinnis' addition to Jamestown.

and have a strong inclination to Jamestown and vicinity. Wheat is King. If the war in the East spreads to Europe, as is feared, it will, of course, help to increase the price of wheat, and overtake us in America, still wheat lands would be a paying investment. So that it looks as though wheat lands are safe, and, in all probability, a great investment.

CROP REPORT.

We condense the following reports of the crops in various parts of the territory, believing they will be of more interest to the readers of the Alert, at home and abroad, than anything else we could present. Generally speaking, the reports from all parts of Dakota are of the most cheering nature.

Stutsman county has beyond question the best crop ever grown within its borders, of wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, turpentine and other vegetables. There are also some excellent fields of flax.

Hand county has a good crop of all the cereals, and a sod crop of wheat, barley and oats is noted that equals the best on old cultivated lands.

Black Hills comes to the front with a fine crop of wheat, oats, barley and timothy.

The Lake Preston Times says that the wheat is ready to harvest, flax and corn growing nicely.

The Salem Register has a head of Russian wheat six inches in length which contains 130 berries.

The Parker Era says the recent fine weather has made the corn fairly jump out of the ground, and everything indicates a bumper crop this year.

E. M. Bond, who owns a thousand acre stock farm near the Bijou hills, has a hundred acres of corn which he expects will yield seventy-five bushels to the acre.

Grant county reports oats that will yield from sixty to seventy-five bushels per acre.

The Elk Point Courier says the rye fields are of such luxuriant growth that a tall man on top toe can't see out.

The Frederick Free Press says the corn in that vicinity is looking well and promises a large yield. Oats on sod excellent and new potatoes raised on this year's breaking are abundant in market.

The Groton (Brown County) Advocate says a farmer brought in some samples of wheat and oats that would bring all of New England and part of New Jersey to the Jim River Valley. The wheat he measured four and a half pecks and produced thirty-seven stalks from one kernel.

In McCook county the wheat is heavy and good; likewise oats, flax and barley, while corn is booming.

In Kingsbury county the yield of wheat will be from twenty-five to thirty-five bushels per acre.

Kidder county has an increased yield for another year.

In Missouri and other counties, on the Missouri river are jubilant over their booming crops of all kinds.

Cass on the Red River has had too much rain, but this year is an exception in that respect, and even with this disadvantage that county will come up with very nearly an average crop.

Barnes county on the Sheyenne has a booming crop of wheat, oats and barley.

The James River Valley Exhibits.

The special committee of seven, appointed by the Jamestown Board of Trade to arrange for a fitting exhibit of the products of the rich soil in the James River Valley at the approaching Northwestern Exposition, at Minneapolis, will report progress to the full board, at an adjourned meeting to-night. The Alert is assured that satisfactory progress has been made and has been requested to urge a full attendance of all interested residents of the James River Valley at to-night's meeting.

The farmers of this section must be understood if they desire to reap any substantial benefit from their exhibit. All along the line, from Fargo to the Yellowstone, active committees are hard at work, aiming to secure for their respective localities the very best showing.

The North Pacific space in the Minneapolis exhibit will be double the size of that occupied last season, and the prospects are that the exhibit space will be necessary. Burleigh county has its pretty little cottage which was so much admired last year, and if that cottage does not receive the prize banner offered by Col. King for the best exhibit of grain, then there is no virtue in superior samples.

Farmer Wallace brought in another large load of grain yesterday and proceeded to put it with the balance of the samples thus far received in the car set out for that purpose by Agent Davidson. A better collection of grain and grasses could not be found in any country. It requires about 200 bundles of oats and wheat to thatch the roofs and sides of the pretty little Swiss cottage on the fair grounds, so the farmers will see the importance of giving plenty of what they have.

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FOREIGN ADVICES.

Reports of the Condition of the Harvest Throughout Europe.

By Western Associated Press.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A dispatch from Berlin says that in Germany, although damaged in a few districts, the main crops are fully up to the average.

In Russia, the crops in the central and southern provinces, which suffered greatly from rains in sections, will be light and considerably under the average. In Finland, Cortland, Livonia and the valley of the river Dvina, a medium harvest has been secured. Throughout Hungary the yield is good.

In European Turkey the crops are superior to any since 1872.

In Sweden and Norway there is a fair average.

Rains ruined two-thirds of the harvest in Bohemia.

An Important Convention.

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 16.—The canal convention resumed its session this morning. Judge St. Julian Cox made a strong speech, picturing the future Northwest, he pronounced the Northwest the greatest producing region on the globe, and he recited the necessity of greater transportation facilities. Gen. Banning, of St. Paul, made one of the best speeches of the convention, showing that the United States must keep the balance of trade in her favor to maintain a sound financial system.

Judge J. W. Crookston, said that he had watched the development of the northwest since 1877, and now sees the necessity of greater carrying capacity to the markets of the world; the canal is a pressing need. Knute Nelson made a speech on the development of the new northwest.

Resolutions were adopted as follows: The convention, having heard the report of engineers and representatives familiar with the northwest, Resolved, That in our opinion a canal is practicable; by building forty miles with suitable locks and dams to utilize 340 miles of deep water, lakes and rivers now navigable for steam vessels, between Lake Superior and Red River, it would be made practicable for crafts propelled by steam to tap the regions of the whole northwest territory. The work can be done rapidly and at reasonable cost. It will afford an outlet to the Atlantic seaboard for an area of country equal to the middle and eastern states, that will practically extend the existing northern water route, from the Atlantic, through the lakes, to the Northwest; it will furnish cheaper transportation; it will bring through to the principal traffic of the Northwest and be a powerful commercial link between the two people. We urge upon congress an appropriation for an examination and survey.

The NEWS ABROAD IN BRIEF.

Yellow fever at Pensacola, Florida. A \$25,000 fire at Wadsworth, Ala. A saw mill.

At Washington, James Clifton Smith, fired by jealousy, fatally shot his wife.

In Arizona the Apaches are again on the war path and many settlers have been killed.

Burrows has been renominated for congress by the republicans of the Fourth Michigan district.

In the sixth Missouri district, the democrats are in a snarl—over 200 ballots without a nomination.

Highwaymen attacked pedestrians on the highway near Dundas, Minn., but failed to make a haul.

The greenbackers of Massachusetts, today at Boston, will nominate, it is believed, Gen. Butler for governor.

At Northfield, Minn., A. Freeland, while drunk and resisting an officer, was shot through the skull; he will die.

The President has appointed commissioners to examine the newly completed sections of the Northern Pacific road.

Big fire in Philadelphia yesterday. Loss \$200,000. At corner of Eighth and Strawberry streets. Principal losses: C. R. Jones, George H. Bird and Gross & Veight.

Army officers apprehend that Red Cloud, the deposed Sioux chieftain, will go on the war path. Several thousand Sioux warriors are friendly to him.

At Washington yesterday, Secretary Lincoln appointed 200 clerks and a number of messengers and watchmen in connection with the pension bureau. About 150 are yet to be made.

At West Charlton, N. J., four masked burglars entered the residence of the Gilchrist brothers, bound and gagged the sleeping inmates, broke open the safe and stole \$500 in money and \$150,000 in bonds and mortgages.

At Yankton, in the Russell case the jury returned a verdict of guilty of conspiracy in the Santa Fe script fund. It is considered that Cameron and Carpenter will also be sentenced, as Russell's case was the weakest. The evidence showed these three men to be the prime movers in the script frauds.

MURDER AT FORT LINCOLN.

Threats to Lynch the three murderers—Details of the bloody deed.

Special to the Alert.

MANDAN, D. T., Aug. 17.—The details of the dastardly murder committed near Ft. Lincoln were fully brought out at the coroner's inquest to-day. The evidence is conclusive that Jacob Booke was literally clubbed to death by the prisoners, John and Charles Trumbull and Ira Hall. The skull of the victim showed several terrible cracks, and a verdict charging the three men with murder in the first degree was rendered by the coroner's jury, without leaving their seats. The crime having been committed on an Indian reservation the preliminary examination will be held before a United States commissioner at Bismarck, to-morrow. Major Mitchell is conducting the prosecution in a very able manner, and has associated with him Geo. P. Flannery, of Bismarck. The sheriff is preparing to ward off a possible lynching.

The Minneapolis Fair Exhibit.

The Jamestown Board of Trade held an adjourned meeting last night, Mr. McGinnis in the chair, to receive a report from the committee of seven, selected on Monday night, to arrange for a fitting exhibit of James River Valley products at the Minneapolis fair. The attendance was large.

Just prior to the call to order Mr. Curtin came into the room with a sheaf of oats over six feet high and in magnificent condition.

The committee, through Secy. Wade, recommended the appointment of a finance committee, to raise funds outside of the board, to be put with the board appropriation, so as to make the exhibit a success; also, the appointment of a committee to attend to the exhibit, its collection, its shipment to Minneapolis, and its proper placing in the fair building.

Hon. E. P. Wells made a strong appeal in favor of a first class exhibit, one that would attract the attention and admiration of all. He suggested that some competent man be employed to take entire charge of the collection of the exhibit.

Mr. Vennum moved that the chair appoint a committee of three to take full charge of the exhibit, and the motion prevailed. The chair appointed as said committee George W. Vennum, E. P. Wells and D. Curtin.

Messrs Burke and Dudley were appointed a committee on finance.

Mr. Dennis suggested to the board the propriety of making a display of the valley's products at the depot, hotel, platform, etc. On his motion Mr. Wade and Mr. Willbur were appointed a committee to attend to this local exhibit.

Mr. Wells urged a complete exhibit; that it should not be confined to oats, wheat, barley, and other staples. He wanted all the resources of this valley well represented.

Secretary Wade stated that our native grasses were very fine, some twenty varieties.

The meeting was then adjourned until Saturday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

The committee on finance will to-day call upon the citizens of Jamestown for subscriptions under the right following subscriptions were made:

S. K. McGinnis..... \$50 00
E. P. Wells..... 50 00
J. J. Flannery..... 50 00

The Land Office Problem.

The friends of Mr. Hewitt, the attorney, who passed several months in Washington, in the vain endeavor to secure, by congressional enactment, an independent land district for the James River Valley, with headquarters at Jamestown, are confident that the gentleman's efforts will be crowned with success at the next session of congress. In conversation with Mr. Hewitt, the Alert was made aware of the opposition he encountered in Washington.

The head of the Land Department, Mr. McFarland, was antagonistic to the proposition from first to last, and without assigning any reason for his action. Still, Mr. Hewitt succeeded in persuading the senate committee on public lands to report favorably on the bill. Senator McMillan of Minnesota, who had introduced the bill, then experienced a change of heart and objected to its consideration out of turn. The senator was induced to come back to his first love and again favor the consideration of the bill, but only at a late hour, when public measures demanded the entire time of the expiring session. Mr. Hewitt says that Delegate Pettigrew did all in his power to secure the passage of the measure.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Market.

New York, August 17.—Money is quoted at 8 1/2 per cent, closing at 8 per cent. Prime mercantile paper is held at 1 1/2 per cent.

Sterling Exchange—Bankers' bills steady at 84 1/2.

Railroad Stocks—The following are the latest quotations:

Northern Pacific..... 53 1/2
St. P. & M..... 14 1/2

The Markets.